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Applicant: SHINICHI SUMIDA ET AL  
Serial No.: not yet assigned  
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Title: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FLUORINE - CONTAINING,  
POLYMERIZABLE STYRENE MONOMER AND INTERMEDIATES  
USED IN SAME

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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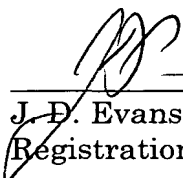
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